

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday November 22nd at Pear Tree Cottage Skirwith.

Present

Richard Stevens	Chairman
Heather Edwards	Publicity
Martin Joyce	Newsletter Editor
Phyllis Rouston	Secretary
Mike Godfrey	Treasure
Martin Railton	

Apologies

Harry Hawkins

Notes of the last meeting

The notes were agreed a correct record.

1/12/07 Matters arising from the Notes

6/9/07 Conference- a very successful even; Harry's excellent report in the Herald was noted. Harry had asked that the committee be advised that two representatives from English Heritage (York Office) involved in community archaeology had attended and had offered their help to the Group. This had been declined for the present. He advised that he hoped to have the printed conference papers available for the AGM.

8/9/07 Transactions- forty volumes are now stored at 60 Holmeriggs Avenue. This information will be published in the next Newsletter with an outline of the contents.

2/12/07 Treasurer's Report

The accounts for 4th September-18th November were tabled. The balance stands at £1851.24p. Mike advised that the Grammar School has not yet presented their bill. Richard requested details and invoices which may be asked for by Awards for All.

3/12/07 Field work / Research

Martin R tabled a CD and paper copy of the report he had sent to English Heritage, Cumbria County Council, Historic Environment Record and the Oasis Project (presently with Richard). Martin advised that NW Regional Framework agenda had identified Prehistory and the Iron Age as areas requiring research and that this may be helpful in requests for funding. He pointed out that before proceeding the group would require permission to excavate from the landowner and gain the approval of English Heritage and that this could take some time. In the meantime other unscheduled area could be surveyed. Martin to update the membership at the AGM

4/12/07 Website

The need for somewhere to store archives and make them available to members was highlighted by the material that the group was collecting and one solution would be on a website. It was agreed that we must develop a website. Martin J suggested investigating Beehive (he had

previously sent an email to the committee about this) and Martin R suggested approaching Tony Liddel Project Supervisor NPA who has indicated an interest in helping to set a site. An example of his work can be seen at www.friendsofhistoicdilston.org. Martin R agreed to speak to Tony and if he is interested, suggest a meeting with us. It was agreed to seek funding and that Richard would investigate possible sources.

4/12/07 AGM Member's Evening and 10th Anniversary

An agenda was agreed and is attached.

Phyllis will speak on Archaeology on Arran. Anne Walton had indicated that she might be able to talk on Pompey and Herculaneum but has now (28/11/07) advised that her material will not be ready for January. She hopes to present at the next member's event.

The talk is to be followed by anniversary celebrations. Harry has agreed to review the group's activities over the ten years. This to be followed a glass of wine/coffee and birthday cake.

Specifications (attached), for a cake have been sent to Jackie Mayes, Brampton. Phyllis is awaiting her quote. Mike and Martin J to sort out the wine.

Martin J will publish a double spread colour Newsletter for the first newsletter of 2008

5/12/07 Future Programmes

A number of ideas were put forward for the Summer

June Phyllis to contact Andrew Birley to arrange a visit to Vindolanda

May Evening walk Castle Folds, Orton Scar

July Sunday Scordale Mine

Other ideas Brougham, Mayburgh Henge, and Ninekirks; Barnard Castle and Eggleston Abbey

Guides for historic walks are available

Suggested topics/speakers for 2008/09 were discussed bearing in mind the proposed theme of the next conference will be medieval.

Frank Giecco current work at Scordale

Peter Ryder historic houses and potential speaker for next conference medieval houses

Caldbeck mining and railway archaeology

Viking hoards recent finds ?Dot Bruin

Underwater archaeology Grampus Heritage {

7/12/07 Communications

Phyllis had received communications from Eden Council for Voluntary Services and Cumbric net. No action required.

An email from Ian Smith detailing a list of books and journals for sale will be sent to all members on email.

8/12/074 ANOB

Martin J has purchased the latest version of Publication

Name error on the programme flier- Phyllis to correct to read Jo Dawson.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday February 21st 7.30pm 11 Chestnut Close Culgaith (at the War Memorial take the Skirwith Road then Right at the telephone kiosk)